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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 2 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 69th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [35]:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953);

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36).

10 a.m. informal soundings (closed) Conference Room 6

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/51/3 (Part II), Chapter V, Section F) (item 12)

Informal soundings on the question of the participation of non-governmental organizations in all areas of the work of the United Nations will be undertaken by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan)

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(A/51/L.24, L.26, L.27, L.30, L.32 and L.37)

3 p.m.	informal consultations closed meeting	Conference Room C

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (item 45)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 45 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.30/Rev.2 and L.29

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.37

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

   (a) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.24/Rev.1

   (b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.26 and L.53

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.28 and L.50

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.16/Rev.1

   (d) Commodities

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.14 and L.49

3. Sectoral policy questions [95]

   (a) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.12 and L.46

   (b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.38 and L.47

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.23 and L.45

   (b) Agenda for development

   (ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.21 and L.52

   (c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.17

   (d) Population and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.19 and L.43

   (e) Human settlements

   *Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.15/Rev.1**

   (f) Eradication of poverty

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.18 and L.51

   (g) Cultural development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.22 and L.34

5. Environment and sustainable development [97]

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/L.10 and L.39
   (Programme-Budget Implications in document A/C.2/ 51/ L.48)

   (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.9 and L.41, and L.11

   (c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.5 and L.31

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.7 and L.35

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/L.6 and L.33

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.4 and L.41 (Programme-Budget Implications in document A/C.2/51/L.36)

6. Operational activities for development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.8 and L.44

7. Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.27/Rev.1

(b) United Nations University

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.3 and L.20

8. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1997-98 (A/C.2/51/L.40)

9. Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141] (A/50/945, A/50/1004, A/50/1005, A/51/302, A/51/305, A/51/432, A/51/467, A/51/486, A/51/530 and Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [153] (A/51/519 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Transition Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium [154] (A/51/520 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [155] (A/51/508 and Corr.1 and A/51/681)

Introduction and general discussion

5. Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 687 (1991)

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(A/51/658 and A/51/683)

Introduction and general discussion

6. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]

(a) United Nations Disengagement Force

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

(A/51/405, A/51/535 and A/51/684)

Introduction and general discussion

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/49/368, A/49/943, A/50/985, A/C.5/50/51, A/51/5 Vols.I-IV, A/51/5/Add.1-10, A/51/283, A/51/488 and Add.1-2, A/51/523 and A/51/533)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

UNICEF

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 2 December 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: WORKING GROUP FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Briefings

There will be a special briefing for interested members of the Fifth Committee on post adjustment issues for the professional and higher categories of staff in the common system by the Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission on Monday, 2 December 1996, following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee in Conference Room 5.

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GROUP OF 77
(Fourth Committee matters)

4 p.m.-p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

A briefing/consultations on arrangements for the observance of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on 6 December 1996 will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, in Conference Room A from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 70th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [33]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/543);

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.38).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE
Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait wishes to inform members that the 145th meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 at 3.30 p.m.* in Conference Rom 7.

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* The Chairman will give and oral briefing in the same Conference Room immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press in the Press Room.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films until Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m. Monday, 2 December 1996, the following will be screened: "Aqabat Jaber: Peace with no return"

Exhibition

A cultural exhibition presented by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Thursday, 5 December 1996.

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The Under Secretary General for the Humanitarian Affairs will launch the 1997 Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Afghanistan ((1 January-31 December 1997) on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee of Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information on Tuesday, 3 December at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Thursday, 5 December 1996, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (905-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(plenary matters: item 21 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)* on Tuesday, 3 December 1996 , at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Round table

Mwallmu Julius Nyerere, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and currently Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Talks, will speak at The International Peace Academy Round Table, addressing the topic, "Responding to Grow-ing Crises in the Great Lakes Region", on Tuesday, 3 December 1996, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations will hold an Open-ended Seminar on Promotion of South-South Cooperation, chaired by H.E. Mr. Owada, Permanent Representative of Japan, on 6 and 7 December 1996. The Seminar will be held on Friday, 6 December, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Rooms A and B, and on Saturday, 7 December, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Trygve Lie Rooms A and B, at the U.N. Plaza Hotel. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.70

The representative of Namibia introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Botswana, Chile, Ethiopia, Fiji, Italy, Nepal, Niger, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Suriname and Swaziland.

Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Pakistan, Peru, Samoa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 79 to 3, with 75 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Venezuela, Mexico, the Philippines and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Belarus, Burundi, Fiji, Finland, the Marshall Islands, San Marino and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Benin, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.47

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Ireland orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that United States, San Marino, Republic of Moldova, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Norway, Malta, Ukraine, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Fiji, Burundi, Panama, Papua New Guinea, India and Liechtenstein had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.48/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Albania, Pakistan, Benin, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Mauritius had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Turkey orally corrected the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kazakstan, Guinea Bissau, Papua New Guinea, Burundi, Mongolia and Niger had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Mali, the United Kingdom, Morocco, Malta, Marshall Islands, Congo, Fiji and San Marino had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Burundi was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Italy, Madagascar, Fiji, Bhutan, Benin, Niger, Rwanda, Guinea, Burundi and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Portugal, Marshall Islands and Fiji had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.58

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) made an oral revision to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Hungary, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Costa Rica.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised by a recorded vote of 94 to 39, with 15 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Netherlands and Uruguay.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.49

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairperson introduced an oral correction to the draft resolution.

The representative of Yemen made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Austria, Finland and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

It was also announced that Mexico was an original sponsor of the draft resolution and that Chad was not a sponsor.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bahamas, Bangladesh, Latvia, Spain, United States, Italy, Malta, Austria, Belarus, Slovakia, Greece, France, and Barbados had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected and revised without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 110 (e).

Wednesday, 27 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 54th meeting

Human rights questions: [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/56

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Thailand, Iceland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Germany and Costa Rica had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Sudan, Mali, Fiji and Guyana had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Senegal, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Peru, Morocco and Guatemala.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium, orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that New Zealand, Poland, Benin and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected and revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Albania and the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 54 to 44, with 49 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines and Uruguay.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.71/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that India, Gambia, Costa Rica, Yemen, Ecuador, Bolivia, Congo, Botswana and Niger had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Liechtenstein and Croatia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Greece, Russian Federation, Albania and Peru.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised by a recorded vote of 102 to 3, with 45 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), India, Venezuela, Brazil, China, Bulgaria, Egypt and the Philippines.

The representative of St. Lucia indicated that he had abstained, not voted against.

The representative of Djibouti indicated that he would have voted in favour had he been present.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Poland and El Salvador had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Iraq and Cuba made statements.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 59 to 26, with 71 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Egypt, Gambia, Mexico, Malta, Costa Rica and El Salvador, made statements.

The representative of El Salvador indicated that he had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution and not against.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Lithuania, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana, Sweden and Myanmar.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution as further orally revised without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands and Japan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was informed that Ghana, Cambodia, Gambia, United Kingdom, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Georgia, Peru, Paraguay, Congo, Andorra, Mongolia, Morocco, Bahamas, Ecuador and Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

55th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.70/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Bangladesh, Netherlands, Canada, Colombia, Kenya, Bolivia, Burundi, Mongolia, Belarus, Guyana, Cambodia and France, joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised without a vote.

Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.40

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that San Marino and Israel, Poland and the United States, joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) orally revised the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resoslution statements were made by the repsentatives of Iraq, Cuba, Egypt and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 102 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Sudan and Kuwait.

The representative of Portugal stated that had he been present, he would have voted in favour.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Slovakia had joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Iraq, Egypt and the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 93 to 16, with 45 abstentions.

The representative of Afghanistan informed the Committee that he had voted against instead of abstention.

The representative of Togo informed the Committee that he had abstained but his vote was not reflected on the Board.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.64/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Andorra, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cambodia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Slovakia joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Egypt, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Latvia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Portugal, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Greece, Israel, Philippines, Sudan, Monaco, Denmark, Argentina, Spain, Gambia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Mozambique, Ecuador and Dominican Republic, joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out oral corrections to the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Bangladesh and Norway joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Croatia, Russian Federation, Albania, Canada and the United States.

The Committee decided to postpone action on the draft resolution until Friday, 29 November.

Draft decision A/C.3/51/L.43 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.44

Chairperson's oral draft decision

The Chairperson introduced a oral draft decision.

The Committee adopted the oral draft decision introduced by the Chairperson.

In the light of the adoption of the Chairperson's oral draft decision, the Committee decided not to take action on draft decision A/C.3/51/L.43 and draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.44 which were before the Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 48th and 49th meetings

Note: The summary of the 48th and 49th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal (No. 1996/234)*.

Friday, 29 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3719th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1996/990, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1996/990) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/990) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1085 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

68th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/51/250/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

The Assembly further decided, also on the recommendation of the General Committee, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item (Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

Question of Palestine [35]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/51/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/678-S/1996/953)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.33, L.34, L.35, L.36)

The General Assembly heard a statement by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/51/35).

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Colombia and Israel.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 56th meeting

Note: The summary of the 56th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/234).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 34th meeting

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of the Joint Inspection made a statement and introduced the report of the Unit on the inspection of the application of United Nations recruitment, placement and promotion policies.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a statement in connection with the report of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, KUWAIT, Algeria, New Zealand and Cuba.

The representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Norway) made a statement on the reform of the internal system of justice in the United Nations Secretariat.

United Nations Common System [121]

United Nations Pension System [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Ukraine.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board responded to questions previously posed.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Liberia and Uganda.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman as well as the Secretary of the Committee made statements.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 50th meeting

Note: The summary of the 50th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/234).

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 226th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of Colombia read a message of the Chairman of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-aligned Movement and the representative of Guinea read a message of the Chairman of the Islamic Conference.

The Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

The representative of the International Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine made a statement.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Cambodia, Egypt, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Senegal, Viet Nam, Qatar, Mauritania, Sri Lanka, Guyana, Cyprus, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Jordan, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Guinea, Yemen, Cuba, Tunisia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and the Gambia.

Messages were received on the occasion from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Pakistan, Thailand, China, Malta, India, Bangladesh, Turkey and Mauritius.

Messages were received from the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Lebanon, Oman, Syrian Arab Republic, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Brazil and Japan.

Messages were received from the Governments of Argentina, Uruguay and South Africa.

A message was also received from Papua New Guinea.

A message was received from the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

A message was received from UNESCO.

Messages were received on the occasion from the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Committee of Solidarity with Arabs, Association Des Etudes Internationales, Association of Antifascists and Victims of Nazism in Israel, Federación de Entidades Americano-Arabes del Perú, Federación Palestina del Perú, Physicians for Human Rights, Arab Organization for Human Rights, Middle East Fellowship of Southern California, The Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue and Federación Palestina de Chile.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 1996

43rd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee began its discussion of the item.

44th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect to Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1996

45th and 46th meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee continued its discussion of the item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
H.E. Mr. Daniel Abibi

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Manuel Tello

Western European and Other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Robert R. Fowler

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World Aids Day

An observance of the World AIDS Day will be held on Monday, 2 December 1996, at 3 p.m., in the General Assembly Hall, under the auspices of the President of the General Assembly and co-sponsored by the Department of Public Information, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. Statements will be made by the President of the General , the United Nations Secretary General, actress Elizabeth Taylor, TV talks show host Cristina Saralegui, Malaysian Aids Council Chairman Marina Mahathir, and Noerine Kaleaba and Martina Clark of UNAIDS. Members of delegations, non-governmental organizations, the media and staff are invited.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Official Ceremony

The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development will host the official ceremony of the International Day of Disabled Persons, including a message by the Secretary-General and a Proclamation by the New York City Mayor's Office on Tuesday, 3 December from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m., in the Public Lobby. United Nations delegates, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media, as well as interested staff, are invited.

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run from 3 to 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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